

REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-5 in favor of replacement Claims 6-9 to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of use claims) and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims without materially altering their scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to change the title to correspond to the English version of the title appearing on the International Application, to capitalize all letters in the title, and to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have also inserted text at page 13, 15, and 22 that represent corrections of the English translation of the corresponding German language International Patent Publication WO 2005/009130. For the convenience of the Examiner, the introductory sentences above give the corresponding pages in the published WO 2005/009130. Because the newly added matter is nothing more than a correction of the translation, Applicants submit that these amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter. Because of the extensive changes, Applicants submit a substitute specification (excluding the claims) in both annotated and clean form.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to change the title for the reasons discussed above and to change the heading and body to a more customary form. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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